

Bridgeport Evening Farmer

VOL. 52—NO. 249

TWENTY-FOUR PAGES TODAY

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1916

PAGES 1 TO 16

PRICE TWO CENTS

MYSTERIOUS CAR THEFTS ARE SOLVED

Betrayal of Clever Pair of Young Men Into Hands of Police Results in Disclosure That Clearing House for Stolen Automobiles is Maintained in New York.

Employed in Local Factory, Youths Spend Spare Time Selling Others' Machines, Police Allege — Owing One Car, They Replace Markers With Their Auto's Number.

Alleged to have carried on a wholesale campaign of automobile thefts, the extent of which resulted in their opening a "clearing house" in New York, where they possessed the reputation of being prosperous dealers in second hand cars with a large clientele, Monday S. Saffrin, of 1188 State street, and Julius Kuntz, of 394 Spruce street, were today arrested by the police.

The police assert that the apprehension of these two young men, who are about 25 years of age, solves the mysterious disappearance of machines, which has occurred with such frequency the last six months. Reports have been made at headquarters by owners that their machines had been stolen and efforts of the police to recover them proved futile.

The cleverness with which the two men operated succeeded in baffling the police, and they probably still would be at large, but for the fact that they were seen stealing the machine owned by Allen A. Kendrick, of 360 Park avenue, from in front of the Lyric theatre, last Tuesday night.

It appears that the men jointly owned an auto, which according to Lieut. E. O. Cronan of the detective bureau, they kept in their garage in the rear of 1188 State street. Saffrin, who is a dresy, prosperous-looking chap, always had Kuntz pose as his chauffeur.

Their method of stealing cars, the police assert, was planned in the same manner they pursued in taking the Kendrick automobile. Both drove to the Lyric theatre. One of them jumped into the Kendrick machine and the other followed with his machine, the other following with their machine.

The stolen car was quickly stripped of its number plates and the number on their own machine substituted. The stolen machine then would be driven to their garage or directly to New York, while they would use numbered pieces of cardboard to return home with their own machine.

In New York both young men, having the reputation of being second hand dealers, would dispose of the machine without the slightest difficulty, and return home.

Suspicion of their complicity was further diverted by their both obtaining positions in the Locomobile factory, where they worked days they were not behind the wheel of a car. They would sell a machine, according to the police. Both young men have lived in this city for four years or more.

Detective George E. Fox, who is now in New York recovering Kendrick's stolen car, is in charge of the investigation of the case.

BAR MEMBERS MOURN DEATH OF G. E. HILL

Law Partner of Late County Health Officer Testifies to His Worth.

Tributes to the memory of the late County Health Officer George E. Hill were paid this morning at a special meeting of the Fairfield County Bar held in the county court house. A large number of lawyers from all parts of the county were present. The resolutions were read by Attorney Hill's death and were read by Judge John H. Perry of Southport. These stated in part:

"As a lawyer he was conscientious and careful, leading his clients by well trodden ways to safe results and therefore constantly entrusted with matters of large concern. He was keenly solicitous for the ethics of his profession and never consciously competed with his fellow practitioners for its emoluments.

"As their needs appeared, he gave of the best he had to rich and poor alike and was always among us as one who served.

"He was incapable of insincerity or subterfuge but kept himself unflinchingly erect without ever making rectitude offensive."

The eulogy on Attorney Hill was given by Attorney William B. Boardman, who was Attorney Hill's law partner. Attorney Boardman said:

"Your committee would have submitted the memorial and resolutions that have been read, at an earlier date, had not the great loss which had so suddenly fallen, numbed our faculties, and made it impossible to put into words the thoughts and feelings that overwhelmed us.

"Until 1907, I had known George Hill as a member of the bar and somewhat in a social way, but my intimate relationship with him began with the formation of our partnership (Continued on Page Two.)

TWO OF ALAUNIA'S CREW KILLED, ALL PASSENGERS SAFE, CUNARD LINE SAYS

New York, Oct. 20.—The Cunard line announced here today word had been received that all but two of the crew of the steamer Alaunia, which was sunk yesterday by a mine in the English channel had been traced.

Another message received, the officials said, reiterates previous information that all passengers were landed Wednesday at Falmouth, so that they were not involved in the disaster.

SWEDISH CREW LANDED

Copenhagen, Oct. 20.—The crew of the Swedish steamship Normandie landed today at Frederikshaven, the most northerly seaport of Denmark. Their vessel was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The Normandie was of 1,243 tons gross. She

FORMER TENDER FOR SUBS HERE NOW IS WRECK

Schooner Vesta, Famous Racer, Lost on Mysterious Mission.

The schooner Vesta, former holder of a record trip across the Atlantic ocean, the subject of half a million dollars worth of wagers in 1886 and later a submarine tender for the Lake Submarine Boat Co., has been wrecked off the coast of Seal Island while upon a mysterious trip between Maine and Nova Scotia.

In a storm, July 21, which caused the vessel to spring a leak and founder so rapidly that the vessel's papers could not be saved by her skipper, the crew was compelled to take to small boats, and was rescued with difficulty by fishing vessels in the vicinity.

Report of the sinking of the vessel, which is said to have flown the American flag and to have been manned by United States sailors, has been made to the authorities at Washington but the destination of the vessel and her purpose is not known. Her last owners were the New England Iron & Metals Co. of New London, whence she hailed.

Following the close of the Civil War, schooner racing on the Atlantic had great impetus. As a result of a wager between Pierre Lorillard, the noted tobacconist of New York, and Commodore Osmond of the New York Yacht club, the Vesta was built at City Island in 1886. Her length was 110 feet and her net tonnage, 113. Opposing her were the Henrietta and the Fleetwing. The race was from Fire Island, off New York harbor, to the Needles off Southampton, England. The Henrietta won the race in 13 days, 21 hours and 55 minutes, covering a short course of 3,000 miles. The Fleetwing, on a longer course of 3,135 miles, consumed 14 days, 6 hours and 10 minutes, and the Vesta on the southern course of 3,144 miles, made the trip in 14 days, 6 hours and 50 minutes.

It is said that nearly half a million dollars changed hands in New York as a result of the interest and betting displayed in the contest.

In 1908 the Vesta was purchased by the Lake Submarine Boat Co. as a tender for submarines, being built for the government. She remained a familiar object in Bridgeport harbor until 1915, when she was sold.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEEKS TO GET OUT BIG VOTE ON NEW CHARTER

An effort to get out 60 per cent. of the total vote of Bridgeport at a special election to be held Nov. 29, to act on the new commission form of government, is being made by the Chamber of Commerce. A letter asking acceptance of a committee of 200 to work for the full vote has been sent to citizens of Bridgeport.

This is said to be the first step in a campaign that will be waged by the Chamber and other organizations to get a full expression on the civic question and to decide finally whether this type of government will be substituted for the long prevailing system.

TRAVELLERS' CLUB TO HAVE HARVEST BANQUET OCT. 27

One of the largest assemblages of insurance men ever gathered here will meet at The Stratfield on Friday evening, October 27, when the Travelers' club of this city will hold its Harvest banquet. John L. Way, vice-president of the Travelers' Insurance Co., will address the members of the club. A reading on Robert W. Service will be given by Fred W. Harrison.

Louis N. Dennison, of Hartford, agency instructor, will conduct a round table conference at 4 in the afternoon and J. E. Ahern, secretary of the company, will also speak at the afternoon conference. H. H. Armstrong, assistant superintendent of agencies, will be present.

The officers of the Travelers' club are: W. A. H. Hatfield, president; and Thomas F. Williams, secretary. Mr. Hatfield will be toastmaster. Hugh E. Wagoner is manager of the life and accident departments and Clarence L. Meacham, manager of the Bridgeport branch.

"TO-BE-MADES" SLOW TO COME FORWARD TODAY

Only 83 of 6,500 Eligibles Appear in Morning Session at City Hall.

OVER HALF TO VOTE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Oldest Applicant Put Through 77 Years Old and Civil War Veteran.

Only 83 of the nearly 6,500 who are eligible to be made voters, had appeared before the selectmen at the common council chamber up to noon today. There were few applicants in the district as usual leads with the largest number of "to be made's." There are 850 on the lists to be made from this district. This includes the many newcomers who are living in Remington City and other sections of the city, where many dwellings have been erected during the last year. The sixth district has the next largest number of those to be made. Since the office of the registrars of voters closed at 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, the registrars have had more than 500 applications for registration. They came too late and none of them can be considered.

The selectmen began their session today and will be in session every day hereafter from 9 in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening, until Oct. 27. They will also be in session on Monday, Nov. 6, to administer the elector's oath to those who become of age between now and election day.

Eugene C. McCann, 49, a carpenter of 124 Bradley street, was the first voter made today. The oldest voter made today was Capt. Franklin Ryder, 77 years of age, of 107 Gilbert street. He is a Civil War veteran and one of the survivors who took part in the sea fight in Chesapeake bay prior to the sinking of the Merrimack by the Monitor. As yet the workers of neither the Democratic or the Republican party have started to hustle in those to be made.

This year the board of apportionment cut out an item of \$27 for meals which the selectmen put in their appropriation and in consequence they will buy their own dinners and supper or else eat at home. For years it had been the custom for the selectmen to charge up their meals to the city, the appropriation allowed for this purpose ranging between \$25 and \$50. Year before last, one selectman went to Bullen's and ate a meal that cost \$5, then he went about bragging of it. The matter got to the ears of members of the board of apportionment and they cut out the item for meals. Besides their salaries of \$100 each, the selectmen this year are allowed \$25 for the hire of five clerks, \$40 for advertising and \$15 for stationery. Thomas F. White and Benjamin B. Steiber are two of the extra clerks at work today.

Former Alderman Ralph S. Brodwick, who was elected a member of the board at a special meeting of the common council last night, began his duties today. He succeeds Charles H. Quintal, who has left the city. Other members of the board are James Turner, president; Joseph L. Verello, Irving Elison and Joseph A. Aldieri.

Four convicts were captured; two still free. Warden Blames Mutual Welfare League for Sing Sing Delivery.

Ossining, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Four of the six Sing Sing convicts who escaped yesterday in an automobile truck were back in the prison today and Calvin Derrick, acting warden, has placed up on the Mutual Welfare League the responsibility for the men's act in fleeing.

Frank Lutz, convicted of murder, who is a member of the executive committee of the league, and Thomas Hyland, sentenced for life as a murderer, were caught early today near Elmford as they were approaching the railroad depot, apparently with the intention of boarding a train. William Tammany, serving 15 years for robbery, was apprehended a few hours later near the Pocantico estate of John D. Rockefeller at Tarrytown. Marquis Curtis, a life term convict, was arrested during last night's search on Mr. Rockefeller's property. He was shot when he refused to surrender and is in a serious condition in the prison today.

William Anson and Alfred Steinhauer are two convicts still at large.

Envelope Maker to Address Bridgeport Manufacturers' Assn.

"Employer and Employee" will be the subject discussed at the first winter meeting and informal dinner of the Manufacturers' association to be held at The Stratfield on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 31.

James Logan, general manager of the United States Envelope Co., will be the speaker and the title of the address as announced by the association will be "Lessons Some Employers Need to Learn." It is predicted that he will present in an interesting manner methods he has found successful in procuring loyalty, co-operation and increased efficiency. Reservations are being made through the various factories direct.

An order was placed with the American Locomotive Co. for 50 Mikado type locomotives for the Paris, Orleans Railway.

GREEK RESERVISTS TAKING LAW IN OWN HANDS; WILD SCENES IN ATHENS STREETS

Presence of French Marines and Officers Detailed to Enforce Laws Does Not Hinder Operations of Reservists — Anti-Entente Papers to be Suppressed.

Many Officers and 600 Troops of Athens Garrison Desert to Venizelos Government—U. S. Consul's Letter of Courtesy Taken by Rebels to Mean Recognition.

London, Oct. 20.—Extremely turbulent conditions in Athens on Wednesday night are reported in a despatch from Reuters' correspondent at the Greek capital sent that evening.

Greek reservists have taken the law in their own hands, despite the presence of strong entente detachments of marines who are given virtually no assistance by the Greek authorities in maintaining order, the despatch declares.

"Tonight," the message reads, "it is evident that the reservists are out of hand, for despite the fact that strong cavalry forces are, according to the French and Greek marines and soldiers spread about everywhere, the reservists, assembled in groups, have taken the law into their own hands and the Greek forces for the maintenance of order do not dispose of them."

The chief of the French police control has informed the editors of the anti-Venizelos press that beginning tomorrow the French will exercise a censorship and that newspapers printing anti-entente articles run the risk of suspension."

Twenty-five officers and 600 men of the Athens garrison have gone over to the National movement and left for Saloniki, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Athens.

Newspapers announce, adds the message, that Janina, in Greek Epirus, also has gone over to the revolutionists, but official confirmation of this is lacking.

The foregoing, although bringing the news of developments in Athens only up to Wednesday night, is the latest report to be received on the situation there.

CONSULAR OFFICIALS ACT.

Athens, Oct. 20.—The newspapers today publish a letter said to have been sent by the American consul at Saloniki to M. Politis, foreign minister of the provisional government established by Former Premier Venizelos, expressing "the sincere hope of being able to continue with the de facto government the cordial relations always heretofore existing between the authorities and this consulate."

The adherents of M. Venizelos claim that this constitutes recognition of the provisional government by the United States. The American minister, Garrett Drovers, denies that any consul has been authorized to do more than cultivate essential relations with the de facto authorities. In Mytilene and Crete as well as Saloniki.

Attacks Man Who Ejected Him From Quick Lunch Cart

John H. Moran of 368 Stratford avenue, objects to paying 15 cents for an egg sandwich, but when he is ejected from a lunch cart for protesting against this exorbitant price he never forgets the individual responsible.

He met Everett Graves of 265 State street, in Water street last night and recognizing him as the man who had ejected him so "meanly" a week ago, accosted him and remarked "You can't beat me like that."

It was not quite clear in court this morning just who started the beating, the police finding the pair interlocked, rolling in the mud of the street. Judge Frederic Bartlett fined them each \$5 and costs.

Bologna Makers Want Shorter Hours and Higher Wage Rates

Forty-five bologna makers are out on strike in this city, according to the figures of the Butchers' Union. More wages and the 48 hour week are asked.

Employees of the T. J. McNamara Co., Morris & Co., Cudahy Packing Co., and Charles Muller have quit.

A similar strike occurred a year ago, when the men were working 56 hours a week. They demanded and obtained the 50 hour week.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: cloudy tonight, Saturday probably rain and colder. Strong south and southwest winds.

TEUTONS ON OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS; RETAKE TRENCHES FROM BRITISH

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The greater part of the trenches on the road between Eaucourt l'Abbaye and Le Barque which were captured by the British on Oct. 10 were retaken yesterday by German trenches in an attack according to the official statement issued today at the German army headquarters.

Attempts made by British detachments to advance last night north of Comblains and east of Le Barre, the statement adds, failed.

In the last great attack against these German positions in the Somme region, the British used several tanks and three of them were destroyed by the German artillery fire, the statement declares.

German troops yesterday stormed important Russian positions with adjoining lines on the west bank of the river Narayuvka, in Galicia, and repulsed sanguinary counter-attacks, says the German official statement issued today. The Germans captured 14 officers and 2,050 men and took 11 machine guns.

The battle between Austro-German and Rumanian forces on the frontier

ridges and Transylvania is progressing while in the Rumanian province bordering the Black Sea the fighting between the Russo-Rumanian armies and the forces of the central powers yesterday became more lively.

BULGARIANS ARE DEFEATED.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The war office announced today that the Serbians have captured the plateau and village of Velyeselo on the western end of the Macedonian, putting the Bulgarians to rout.

The statement says heavy losses were inflicted on the Bulgarians. The Serbians captured 100 Bulgarians and three cannons.

Volyeselo is two miles north of Brod, a town on the Corna river, the capture of which was announced yesterday by the French war office.

BROADWAY STAR DIVORCED BY HIS ACTRESS SPOUSE

Madison W. Smith Separated by Superior Court From Dorothy Maynard.

Dorothy Maynard, Broadway musical comedy favorite, was granted a divorce in the superior court this afternoon from Madison W. Smith, former Bridgeport High school football player and later a star in the "Prince of Pilsen" and other musical productions. The actress and her array of witnesses gave to the occasion the air of a social affair. All the feminine members of the party were fashionably dressed and wore corsage bouquets. Several of them raised their forefingers and peered curiously about the courtroom.

Mrs. Smith charged that she was forced to leave her husband because of his extreme cruelty. They were married in 1903, when she, too, was a member of "The Prince of Pilsen" company. She asserted he frequently threatened to kill her. Once when they occupied a New York apartment he tried to throw her from a fourth story window but she escaped and ran downstairs in her night clothing.

Although he had many engagements on the stage, Smith seldom gave his wife any money for her support, she testified. She said that during long engagements in New York, Chicago and other large cities, it was her custom to engage an apartment, which she occupied with her husband. She always paid the rent. In May, 1913 Smith's treatment became so brutal that she was compelled to leave him, the actress declared. She has a home in Norwalk at present. Mrs. Jeanette Hoyt, Gladys Norton and other friends of Mrs. Smith's, told of seeing evidences on the plaintiff that confirmed the story of her sufferings.

Smith was a son of Ferdinand Smith, who kept a store at Fairfield avenue and Middle street about 24 years ago. In 1895 and 1896 when Foster and Keane were heroes in High school football circles, Smith was also a member of the team.

Health Department Moves Offices Into New Bank Building

The offices of the health department were removed today from the Taylor building to the First-National bank building, adjoining the bacteriological laboratory. The equipment is being arranged this afternoon. Room 213 will be occupied by Dr. E. A. McLeellan, health officer and Dr. Walter Brown, his assistant. The chief inspector and his staff will have Room 214. The stenographers and other clerical assistants will be in an adjoining room.

Monday, Harry Bartram, the new field worker, will begin inspection of dairies. Assistant Health Officer Brown will begin his new duties Nov. 1. Meat Inspector A. C. Knapp is at the cattle fair in Springfield, examining the stock and the pasteurization plants on exhibition.

KAISER VISITS FRONT.

Amsterdam, Oct. 20.—Emperor William visited the Champagne front on Wednesday of this week, according to the Cologne Gazette, and presented General von Einem (commander of the Saxon army with the laurels of the Order of Le Merite.

NOVEL IN HANDS, ADVENTURER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

James Tocher, Former Local Resident, Found Dead at Waterbury.

James Tocher, world-traveler and soldier of fortune, veteran of the Boer war and a former resident of this city was found dead in bed in his room, at Waterbury, where he has been living since he left Bridgeport two years ago, Wednesday morning. Death was due to heart failure.

Tocher, when found, lay with his head propped high on the pillows in the bed, a novel open in his lifeless hands. Efforts are being made to find a married sister of the dead man who resides in Bridgeport, and recently wrote her brother a letter, telling him the location of his sisters and brothers, one of whom now lives in Montreal, but failed to mention in the communication either her own surname or the surname of the other members of the family.

Tocher's career was an adventurous one. He was born in Canada. When a young man he left Canada with other adventurous spirits and went to Europe and China, and when the Boer war broke out, to South Africa. He enlisted in the Boer ranks and fought with distinction, receiving several promotions and suffering serious wounds as result of his gallantry.

After the close of the war he went to Egypt, retraced his steps through Southern Europe and then came back to America, settling in this city. As a result of the industrial boom he left this city and went to Waterbury to work, where he has since been employed. He was a carpenter.

Husband Out Of Her Allowance and Went To Europe, She Says

After cutting off her allowance and stopping her charge accounts at Fifth avenue shops, William J. Cruikshank, wealthy New Yorker, deserted his wife, and took a trip to Europe. That was the testimony of Maude Foster Cruikshank given before Judge Gager in the superior court this afternoon.

Mrs. Cruikshank, who was handsomely dressed, said she had trouble with her husband after she accused him of maintaining apartments for another woman. In 1910 Cruikshank began to make matters unpleasant for his wife and in October of that year he went away to Europe. She never lived with his wife after that. She established a country home in Greenwich. She married Cruikshank December 2, 1896.

John F. Slattery of New Milford said Charity Slattery deserted him when he was out chopping wood. She was in November, 1915. When he returned with a load of wood his wife had gone, taking one of the children with her. The plaintiff said he often had trouble with his wife because she liked to go away and stay for a long time. He married her in 1898.

MUSICAL UNION TO ELECT

The annual meeting and election of officers of Bridgeport Musical union will be held in the union rooms in Cannon street on Sunday, No. 19. It is expected the national president will attend and address the members.